

Social and Personal

Colonel James R. Branch, of New York City, has joined Mrs. Branch in Richmond for a stay of several weeks. Colonel and Mrs. Branch are the guests of their daughter, Mrs. Thomas B. Sheard, at her home, 321 North Harrison Street. Mrs. Branch has been much entertained since her arrival in Richmond.

At the Country Club. The Country Club was gay with interesting little dinners on Saturday night. The clubrooms were decorated in yellow flowers and palms, and an orchestra played for the informal post-dinner dinner. Miss Emily Ruthven, in honor of her guest, Miss Margaret Minor, of "Gals Hill," Albemarle county. The table was set with yellow tulips, and those present were Miss Minor, Miss Elizabeth Baches, Mr. Post, of Baltimore; Langstaff Johnston, Jr., and Mr. Van Landingham.

Mrs. Edwin Mann was hostess at another pretty little dinner given for her sister, Miss Blanche Shirley, of Bluefield, W. Va., who is visiting here. The dinner table was arranged for twelve and decorated with a big rustic basket of marguerites caught with tulips. Mrs. Mann's guests besides Miss Shirley included Colonel and Mrs. Ben O. James, Miss Charlotte Jones, Miss Katherine Gunn, Miss Cora Younger, James Dunlop, Cecil Stevens, William Ream, William Miller, and Lewis Larus. Mrs. John Munce entertained a dinner of twelve covers on Saturday evening, and Captain and Mrs. John Cook also entertained at dinner on that evening.

St. George Cooke gave a dinner for twelve guests at the club on Saturday. The dinner table was arranged with yellow and white tulips.

Rosemary Tea. The regular Thursday afternoon tea given at the Rosemary Library will take place as usual this week. Mrs. George W. Bagby will be hostess of the affair, and she will be assisted by all the members of the board and several of their friends. These teas, given every week on Thursday afternoon from half-past 1 until half-past 6 o'clock, have proved among the most attractive diversions of the Lenten season.

Attend Dinner. Senator and Mrs. Claude A. Swanson were among the guests present at a very handsome dinner given by Representative Jefferson M. Levy, of New York, in Washington last week in honor of the Countess of Warwick. The dinner was given at the New Willard Hotel, and other guests present were Lieutenant-General Nelson A. Miles, Representative George W. Patchell and John Fitzgerald. The table was arranged with pink roses and marguerites.

Engagements of Interest. The engagement of Miss Kathleen Gordon, daughter of Mrs. J. Newton

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Gordon, of Barton Heights, to P. Guerret, of Lynchburg, has recently been announced. The wedding will be celebrated early in the coming summer season.

Mrs. M. C. Luck, of "Elmington," Hanover county, has announced the engagement and approaching marriage of her daughter, Blanche Barclay, to James G. McDonald, Jr., of Henrico county. The marriage will take place quietly in the home of the bride's mother April 17. Only the immediate family and a few intimate friends of the bride and groom will be present at the ceremony.

Studio Reception. Quincy Cole, assisted by his sister, Mrs. Charles F. Cole, received in his studio on Thursday afternoon from 4 to 6 o'clock. The affair was an informal reception tendered Mr. Cole's pupils and their parents. The tea table was decorated with pink and white flowers, and a silver vase of pink carnations formed a centerpiece. Mrs. J. R. Paschall poured tea. Following the reception a short program was rendered. Those taking part were Misses Alice Adams, Elizabeth Bartlett, Thekla Morris, Marguerite Parrish, Edith Reams, Corinne Saunders, Helen Blake, Rae Reams, Virgil Lautz, Kathleen Winston, Clyde Saunders and Aubrey Smith.

Important Meetings. The Virginia Audubon Society will meet on Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock at 108 East Grace Street. The meeting is of great importance, as a change in the by-laws of the society is contemplated, and a full attendance is urged.

The Helping Circle of King's Daughters will meet this afternoon at 4 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Moses H. Carter, 2300 East Broad Street. Members are urged to attend this meeting, as arrangements will be completed for an entertainment to be given March 22.

The Service of the King Circle of King's Daughters will meet this afternoon at 4 o'clock. This meeting will be held with Miss Mary Curtis. A full attendance is desired, as final arrangements for a St. Patrick's tea, to be given on Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Abner Dodge, 2400 East Broad Street, will be made.

May Wedding. A recent Washington exchange contains the following of interest to Virginia society: The marriage of Miss Margaret Johnston, daughter of Dr. Taber Johnston, to Earl Wheeler, whose engagement was announced several months ago, will take place in the country home of Miss Johnston's father, near Cherrydale, Va., May 8. Miss Johnston, who is now in New York for a short visit, has spent the latter part of the winter with Mr. Wheeler's family in California.

Interesting Musicals. The pupils of Mrs. W. H. Cooke gave an interesting musical in her studio, 629 Barton Avenue, on the evening of March 11. The selections, consisting mainly of the old melodies, arranged as duos and quartets for two pianos, were highly appreciated by the large number of guests present. After the program was rendered refreshments were served.

Those taking part were Alice Routt, Lillian Harding, Irene Yost, Margaret Add, Minnie Martin, Pearl Harding, Starr Hall, Mary Burton, Louise Williams, Mary Lightner, Marlan, Vivian and Lucile Cooke. A vocal selection was rendered by Misses Mary and Alma Campbell.

In and Out of Town. Mrs. Frederick W. Scott is spending several days at her country place, "Royal Orchard," in Albemarle county.

Miss Eva Audrey Burke, of this city, is spending the week-end with friends in Staunton.

Miss Harriet Wilkinson, of Atlanta, is visiting Miss Blanche Fore at her home, 1001 West Grace Street.

Miss Florence Vass, who has been spending the winter here, has returned to her home in Culpeper last week.

Miss Emily Gravatt, who has been visiting Miss Nancy Tackett in Alexandria, is now the guest of friends at Seminary Hill.

Mrs. Nannie Brooke, of this city, has been the recent guest of Miss Sadie Gilkeson in Culpeper.

Miss Mary Osborne Templeton is the guest of Mrs. William Hodges Mann in the Executive Mansion.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Myers have returned to Waynesboro after a week's visit in this city.

Colonel and Mrs. Templeton have returned to Waynesboro after spending two months at the Jefferson Hotel.

Mrs. Carter and her daughter, Miss Sallie Carter, who spent last week in this city, have returned to their home in Fredericksburg.

Miss Sarah Cox has returned to Roanoke after visiting friends in Norfolk and Richmond.

Miss Nora Randolph is the guest of friends in Gloucester county for several weeks.

Mrs. William B. Lackey and sister, Miss Addie Kerr, of Staunton, are in this city on a brief shopping trip. They are the guests of Mrs. Pemberton at 1910 Hanover Avenue.

Amherst News Notes. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Amherst, Va., March 17.—O. L. Evans and Dillard Mundy to-day went to Staunton to investigate as to the toll gate system used in Augusta county. While gone they will also inspect the macadam roads of the Valley.

Owing to the continued wet weather, farmers have been able to make little preparation for their crops this year. Many have not burned plant beds a little or no gardening has been done. Most of the tobacco crop has been marketed.

The Court of Appeals this week granted an appeal in the case of H. R. Miller, administrator of R. L. Tyree, vs. Southern Railway. Last December, in the Amherst Circuit Court, a judgment of \$7,000 was given in favor of the plaintiff, and the case was appealed to the higher court.

The young women of Sweet Briar College are enjoying a ten-day spring holiday which began Friday. The college will give no Easter holiday.

FRESHET OF 1908 HAS BEEN EQUALED Great Volume of Water Now Running in Appomattox River.

NO SERIOUS DAMAGE DONE Some Residences Are Flooded and Business Interfered With.

Times-Dispatch Bureau, 5 Bollingbrook Street, Telephone 1485, Petersburg, Va., March 17.

The flood in the Appomattox increased rapidly last night and to-day, and is believed to have reached the high point of this evening. It has equaled if not surpassed in volume the great freshet of August, 1908, which caused great damage to property in the lower part of the city and cut a wide and deep channel to the south of the Pocahontas bridges, washing up railroad tracks for some distance and undermining and destroying the railroad station, express company building and other houses.

So far the flood has caused no very serious damage, though the wharves are submerged and the two bridges connecting the city with Pocahontas are threatened. One of the old iron bridges, was long ago condemned and closed as unsafe; the other, a wooden structure, has been closed to travel to-day. The water almost touches its floor. Campbell's Bridge, in the western part of the city, connecting with Ettrick, was closed to-day for repairs.

The diversion channel has proved a great relief in diverting from the harbor a great portion of the flood water, though a veritable cataract is pouring over the top of the city, connecting with Market Street west for some distance the rear premises of the Grove Avenue residences are flooded with back water forced through culverts. The Norfolk and Western track along the river bank at this point is safe, though the water is near its level. The flood has made some encroachment on the Norfolk and Western freight yards and tracks, but the injury so far is slight.

River Street, from the Dunlop factory, on Short Market Street, down to Fourth Street, is a sheet of muddy water, backed up through the culverts. The cellars of many stores whose rear front on this street are flooded deep. Part of the Old Market Square is submerged, and the entire front of the long freight warehouse of the Norfolk and Western Railway faces water everywhere.

CHANGED HER APPEARANCE Friends Living Only Two Blocks Away Did Not Recognize This Lady and Refused to Speak to Her.

Atlanta, Ga.—"Some of my friends, who live only two blocks from me, did not know me when they met me on the street the other day," writes Mrs. Mattie Christopher, of this city.

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eral feet deep and reaching up nearly to its floor. The water extends up to the concrete walls of the southern entrance of the Union Passenger Hotel, but the rear of the station and the tracks there are on dry ground.

East and west of Second Street, for some distance, the water on River Street is from four to five feet deep, and all the small stores and houses in that vicinity are flooded to a depth of several feet. The big plant of the Porter Brewing Company, at River and Second Streets, is surrounded by water, as is the Worth peanut factory, but not injured. The water extends halfway down the street, nearly to the rear of the Stratford Hotel. All travel in that vicinity is by boats.

The city and railway authorities were working all last night laying down sandbags to protect property. Along the wharves several warehouses are surrounded by water and some of them are threatened. The action of the railway authorities in raising the river bank and elevating the grade of their property has prevented much damage from overflow. All the water outside the river banks, except along the culverts, was forced up through the wharves.

Many thousands of people visited the river to-day to view the flood waters.

Bishop Tucker Confirms. The Right Rev. Beverly D. Tucker, D. D., Coadjutor-Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Southern Virginia, preached to a large congregation at Grace Church this morning and administered the rite of confirmation to a class of twelve candidates, presented by the rector, the Rev. C. B. Bryan, D. D. To-night the bishop preached to another large congregation in the Church of the Good Shepherd, in Blandford, of which the Rev. F. G. Kibbie is the rector, and confirmed twelve candidates there.

Bishop Randolph has an appointment to visit St. Paul's Church on Easter Sunday to administer confirmation.

Big Realty Sales. Several large realty transfers were made and recorded last week. The City Building Company, Inc., conveyed to the Combined Realty and Investment Company, Inc., twelve lots on Bollingbrook Street for the consideration of \$24,500.

The Petersburg Realty Corporation sold to the same company twenty-eight lots on various streets, consideration not stated.

M. A. Finn and wife sold to the R. W. Wine and Liquor Company a brick store and business, corner of Sycamore and Lombard Streets; price reported to be \$30,000.

Sunday School Association. The regular monthly meeting of the Methodist Sunday School Association was held this afternoon in Wesley Church. The address was delivered by the Rev. A. R. Love, of the West End Baptist Church. The reports from the various schools showed good attendance.

Big Team Arrives. The Newark, N. J., team of the International League, twenty-three strong, arrived to-night and have taken quarters at the Stratford. The team will train here for some days.

Manager Busch has released four of the men whom he signed up for the Petersburg team. A number of others will be released later.

BUCKINGHAM WILL VOTE ON BONDS Issue of \$50,000 for Road-Building Purposes to Be Passed On by People.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Arvon, Va., March 17.—The passage of the bill permitting Buckingham County to issue \$50,000 in bonds for road-building purposes has practically universal approval in the county, every section of which is concerned in the question of good roads. Steps will shortly be taken by the supervisors to arrange for the issuance of the bonds, provided the necessary arrangements can be made in the matter.

It is thought in this end of the county that a section of road seven miles in length, connecting Dillwyn with Buckingham Courthouse, should first be built, as this is perhaps the most badly needed in the county. While Dillwyn is growing and prospering at a phenomenal rate, there is a strong opposition, even in this section, to the removal of the courthouse to that town, and as it is thought the probability of the removal is remote, the building of the road is advocated throughout all Northwestern Buckingham.

People in this section will also ask for the building of a first-class road from Brems, at least as far south as Arvon, a distance of four miles, and as much farther as the funds will permit towards Dillwyn, thirteen miles on the south.

It is thought also that citizens of Francisco district will ask for the building of several miles of macadam road to connect at Wilbourne's bridge with the splendid new macadam road leading out from Farmville west, almost to the Buckingham line. This will give the many tobacco farmers in that section of the county an almost perfect road for the marketing of their crops in Farmville, the usual market town for that section.

Another portion of the county which will probably apply for some of the funds will be James River district for the much-used road leading from Buckingham Courthouse to Mantoe, on James River, where there is a ferry to the railroad on the other side.

It is generally thought here that the expenditure of the \$50,000 will serve to give the good roads movement in the county a tremendous impetus, and eventually result in good and permanent roads all over the county.

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ARTHUR SASSOON OF FAMOUS DESCENT Could Trace His Family Back to Fifth Son of King David.

BY LA MARQUISE DE FONTENAY. ARTHUR SASSOON, C. V. O., who died last week, and who so frequently entertained both the late and the present King for weeks together at his various shooting places in Scotland, mainly at Tulchan, which embraces the famous Strathpey moors, and where George V. spent a fortnight last fall, was not, as so many people seem to believe, a Parsee, but a Jew, like his brother, the late Sir Albert, who financed the early stage career of Mrs. Langsford, and the late Reuben Sassoon, comes of the great Mesopotamian Hebrew banker, who, in the early part of the nineteenth century, transferred the headquarters of his colossal business from Bagdad to Bombay, becoming an English subject.

The family is descended from a group known as the Ibn Shoshan, who in older days, prior to the expulsion of the Jews from Spain, held the post of Nesi, or head of the Jewish community of Toledo. The name Sassoon was gradually transformed into Sassoon, signifying "gladness." The Sassoons claim descent from King David, and Abraham Sassoon, who flourished in the seventeenth century, secured records and compiled a genealogy showing that he was a direct descendant of Shephalah, the fifth son of King David. Not only are there references to the name of the family in Hebrew medieval literature, but even in the Talmud.

Arthur Sassoon's widow belongs to the celebrated Perugia family of Trieste, which has been established there for centuries, and which is regarded by Jews throughout the world as the most blue-blooded of their race. She is a sister of Mrs. Leopold Rothschild, and their youth both of them were renowned for their beauty, their huge quantities of hair, of the silkiest kind of Titian red, their extraordinary creamy complexion, and their delicately cut features, which bore no trace whatsoever of the ordinary Semitic facial characteristics.

The Sassoons, even before the transfer of their headquarters from Bagdad to Bombay, were at the head of the Indian trade between India and China, and their influence has been in existence for centuries, and it is a curious fact that, in spite of the wars, revolutions, and of the almost continuous strife which has been raging around its former headquarters at Bagdad, and around so many of its branch houses, no attempt has ever been made in China, Central Asia, Persia, Arabia, Northern or Central Africa, or even in Turkey or Morocco, to confiscate its vast wealth, or to loot any of its treasures. The fact is that no Asiatic prince, no Chinese mandarin, no Arab chieftain, nor African sultan, king or emperor, would ever dream of doing anything to wrong the Sassoons, knowing by experience

that the latter never forget an injury, and that they form a class that never forgives an outrage on one of its members; that to be boycotted by them when one has troops to pay, firearms and ammunition to be obtained, whims to be carried out, and harems to be kept contented and in luxury, is, to say the least, inconvenient.

The consequence is that in the dangerous passes of Afghanistan, in the provinces of China, where white men are the most abhorred, in the most fantastic of the Khanates, in the wilds of Arabia, even among the savage desert tribes which inhabit the northern and central portions of Africa, a passport or safe conduct bearing the signature of the Sassoons constitutes an infinitely better protection than any paper bearing the stamp and seal of the Czar of Russia, or of the Chinese government, or of King George, Emperor of India.

Most of the money loaned by the Sassoons, and it is their money that finances almost the entire native trade of the South of Northern Africa, is loaned on personal security, and is astonishingly large amounts, and is repaid, as a rule, not in money, but in goods; so that the Sassoons in reality reap a double return for their advances, namely, the interest on the money and the profit, often very great, on the sale of the goods. And though nothing but personal security is asked by the Sassoons of these native borrowers, from every part of the world, the Sassoons are never deceived, and lateral is never demanded, and the losses of the house are few and far between, infinitely less, indeed, than those of the European or American bank, the traders and financiers who fall the Sassoons' would be to lose their possibility of trading again. So their debts, not from any question of high moral principle, but merely by reason of policy.

This explanation may give some idea of the extent of the vast power which is quietly, nevertheless surely, wielded by the Sassoons. And when one remembers that this influence has ever been at the disposal of the British government, which possesses such large interests in Asia and Africa, it should have rewarded Arthur Sassoon's brother Albert with a baronetcy, now held by his son, Sir Edward Sassoon, married to the daughter of Baron Gustave Rothschild.

Sir Edward, it is said, is shortly to be raised to the House of Lords, not only in recognition of the services of his family, but also as a reward for what he has accomplished as president of the entire British telegraph system in Asia and Africa. The very knowledge that Sir Edward is the president of this great system is sufficient to prevent the wires from being cut or injured in any way whatsoever by the natives, no matter how savage and lawless the districts through which they are strung.

Until the death of the late Arthur Sassoon at Bombay used always to wear the dress of the Bagdad Jew, with flowing robes and turban. But when the great rebellion started in India, old Abraham Sassoon caused his sons to adopt the European costume, "so that everybody may see on whose side you are," though he himself retained his old familiar costume until the very last. The Sassoons have left Bagdad and Bombay far behind them, but have always stuck to the faith of their ancestors, and even when the late and the present King have been the guests of the late Arthur Sassoon at Tulchan Lodge, he had not less faithfully observed the Jewish Day of Atonement in silence and in fasting. And out of respect for their feelings, the guests of Edward VII. and George V. were always silent on that day, and there was no slaughtering of the grouse.

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Slomp seems to have fattened on the strenuous excitement of the conflict with Hon. Henry C. Stuart. L. P. Sumner, collector of internal revenue, with offices at Abingdon, who was in Washington last week brought the news direct here on Saturday that Mr. Slomp has made up his mind to again be a candidate. "That he will be nominated without opposition," said Mr. Sumner, "is a foregone conclusion, for the leading Republicans and the masses as well are enthusiastic for him to again make the race."

"And," continued Mr. Sumner, "it is just as certain that he will be elected as it is that he will be the nominee. The campaign is already starting. The counties are being organized, and while the date for the nominating convention has not yet been determined, there can be no question as to what the convention will do."

Harrell-Tennyson. Alexandria, Va., March 17.—Miss Anna Gleba Tennyson, daughter of Mrs. Sally Tennyson, of this city, and Russell Aubrey Harrell, of Orange, were married at noon Saturday at the home of the bride's mother, Rev. H. M. Canter, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, officiating. Following a bridal trip they will reside after March 23 at Courtland.

Winstead-Malth. Heathsville, Va., March 17.—At the home of the bride, near Avalon, on Saturday evening, Miss Maggie Alms Malth and Joseph Gates Winstead, both of Avalon, were married by Rev. A. J. Reamy, Sr.

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